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ABSTRACT

A profile is provided of the 40 Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICCs) in Kansas, which work to develop and coordinate services to infants and toddlers with special needs and their families, as established by Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The profile is intended to describe the status of Kansas LICCs, to suggest resources for consultation and mentoring among the LICCs, and to aid State leaders in supporting the efforts of Kansas communities. The profile includes summative statistical data; descriptive information on geographic areas covered, history, membership, family participation, paid staff, funding, governance, productivity, and training needs; and evaluative comments. Based on the data presented, recommendations concerning future LICC development are offered to communities and state agencies. Descriptions of individual LICCs are then provided, including target population, affiliations with other councils, year established, funding, meeting schedule, purpose, current goals, accomplishments, and written products. An appendix contains a draft of a Kansas regulation concerning LICC membership and responsibilities. (Contains a list of 12 print resources.) (JDD)

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PREFACE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

"It is the dream articulated that will shape our communities."
--Lisbeth Vincent

Services to infants and toddlers with special needs and their families in Kansas depend on community networks guided by local interagency coordinating councils. These LICCs are evolving in diverse ways across the State to meet local situations as well as State and Federal guidelines. Together, people are articulating the dream and bringing it to fruition.

This Profile was developed from telephone interviews of 1 to 6 hours duration with contact persons from each of the 40 LICCs. It includes summative statistical data, descriptive information about each local council, and evaluative comments from the 40 respondents. The Profile is intended a) to describe the status of Kansas LICCs as of May 1994, b) to suggest resources for consultation and mentoring among the LICCs, and c) to aid State leaders in supporting the efforts of Kansas communities. Based on the data presented, we offer recommendations for future LICC development.

Although a few LICCs date back to the 1970s, the majority have been formed during the past four years. These groups are in the stage of developing a stable membership and determining their operating procedures. LICCs are highly varied in their geographic range, organization, and degree of responsibility for interagency activities within and beyond Infant-Toddler Services. Many of the older collaborative efforts have assumed a broad responsibility to develop and coordinate services for children and families across a wider age span than the infant-toddler period.

Readers will be impressed by the achievements of the LICCs in a short time. Local dreams are being articulated! Readers will also see the challenges ahead as community groups attempt to wrestle with a) providing comprehensive, coordinated services in a cost-efficient manner to an increasing number of children and families, b) providing families with a range of options while addressing funding limitations, c) honoring existing services while creating new ones, and d) expanding linkages to agencies and services beyond Infant-Toddler Services. As agencies and families "grow together" on their local ICC, these challenges can be addressed most effectively with all responsible parties participating. This Profile describes Kansas efforts to make that happen.

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...TO ARTICULATE DREAMS

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Infants, toddlers, and young children live within a family system of parents, siblings, and extended family members. Families function within a neighborhood, a larger community, the State of Kansas, and the nation. Just as young children and their families differ in many characteristics, so do Kansas communities vary considerably. Each one exemplifies unique resources and needs, ethnic heritages and human histories, various public service networks with both formal and informal configurations, and value systems that are similar to as well as different from those of neighboring farms, towns, and cities.

Kansas planners of Infant-Toddler Services for children with special needs and their families (often called Part H services from the initiating law) recognized this diversity when they called for the establishment of local interagency coordinating councils (see Appendix A). LICCs exist to articulate the dreams of individual communities and nurture them into fruition. Local councils are intended to

- communicate information,
- build relationships, and
- accomplish tasks,

all of which result in comprehensive, coordinated services for community residents. Groups which coordinate the early intervention network of services may serve many additional functions for other local populations as well.

"It is important to look at LICC structure and goals individually--by community--and to look at what works rather than with a standardized template...variance is critical!"

Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act calls for provision of at least 16 different early intervention services to eligible children from birth through age 2 and their families; these are to be provided "at no cost to families." The diverse needs of these young children and their families may thus require services from many agencies within and beyond the community. The financing of these services may be both complex and costly (Hazel et al., 1988; Kagan, 1991; Melaville & Blank, 1993; Sugarman,

1991; Swan & Morgan, 1993). The opportunities available for child and family support and the costs of providing it differ dramatically across the State. Only interagency collaboration over the long term can eliminate duplication and reduce gaps in services. Building a system of services that truly honors family values and preferences requires that the relevant providers know the families involved and the contexts in which their children are learning and developing. Kansans believe that community people "know their own." Community residents can plan the most effective, cost-efficient, and locally acceptable ways to meet various child and family needs.

In some instances, current efforts at local interagency collaboration for infants and toddlers are being mapped onto previous, less formal multi-agency, cooperative efforts. Coordinating councils go back as far as the mid-1970s in some areas of Kansas. As will be seen below, however, most of the local councils are quite young and still determining their direction and their alliances. In fact, during the six weeks that this report was in preparation, one LICC split into four county groups, and several others redefined their scope and mission.

"We want to expand our council by getting more parents involved and some members of the business community, but everyone has a busy schedule, so it is a continuing process."

PROFILE OF 40 KANSAS LICCS

SOURCE OF THE PROFILE

For some time, local leaders and personnel in state agencies have wished to know more about the nature of local interagency efforts in Kansas communities, especially as they relate to services for children from birth through age 5 and their families. This report is a response to that need.

The Profile was compiled in May 1994 from in-depth interviews with contact persons from each of the 40 Kansas LICCs that were coordinating services for infants and toddlers with special needs and their families. Data were gathered in the following manner:

1) We telephoned the primary contact person for Infant-Toddler Services grants distributed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). In some cases, these individuals referred us on to the designated leader of an LICC. Some grantees relate to six or more LICCs. Some areas receiving infant-toddler services are not represented by a formal LICC. At the same time, other counties are included in more than one such group.

"We've gotten off to a real start and just need time to refine everything."

2) After the contact person had scheduled an interview time, a copy of the 12-page interview was mailed for review. For 15 communities, responses were provided by several LICC members or the entire council. In 25 cases, the contact person responded on behalf of the LICC.

3) Telephone interviews occurred with the 40 contact people. These lasted from 1 to 6 hours.

4) Data were entered into a computer program and sorted for summary in the cumulative portions of the Profile.

5) Descriptions of the individual LICCs were generated and mailed to contact persons for editing. Our hope--and theirs--is that these profiles of individual community councils will facilitate sharing among neighboring LICCs.

"We are interested in more information and networking. We are a fledgling group and are open to receiving help from others."

6) Recommendations for future directions were formulated based on information gleaned in the interviews and obtained from a review of the national literature on LICCs. Recommendations presented here reflect the position of the authors.

DEMOGRAPHICS

It is apparent that Infant-Toddler Services and LICCs are related to one another in Kansas but in a variety of ways. Some LICCs exist for the single purpose of providing services to very young children with disabilities and their families. Other LICCs have a broader mission (e.g., services to all children in the community from birth to age 21 as well as their families). Some LICCs receive money

directly from Infant-Toddler Services, while others do not. Some hire staff and provide direct services; others are removed from day-to-day issues in early intervention. Many LICCs are closely linked to other interagency efforts in their communities. Other LICCs operate apart from programs such as Corporation for Change Planning Councils and HB 3113 Regional Planning Councils. The data that follow reflect the variety of community approaches in Kansas at this time.

Location: In keeping with Kansas geography, most LICCs are in rural areas: 31 respondents described their area as "mostly rural," while six include a city(ies) of 30,000-100,000 and three contain a city larger than 100,000. This situation is illustrated in Figure 1.

AREAS SERVED BY LICCS

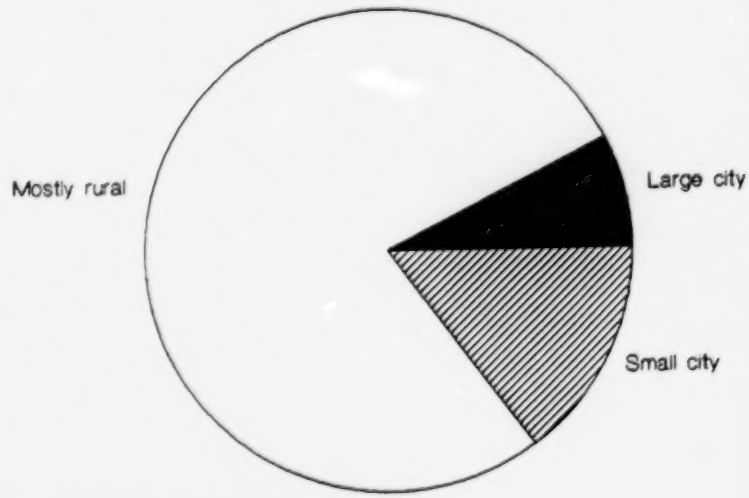


Figure 1

Areas Covered: All but 10 Kansas counties (of 105) have LICCs to oversee Infant-Toddler Services. Gray, Meade, Hodgeman, Clark, and Ness Counties have not yet developed local councils but receive infant-toddler services from Arrowhead West at Dodge City. Rice, Stafford, and Rush Counties have no LICCs; families in these 3 counties receive family service coordination from Sunflower Diversified Services at Great Bend. Clay and Washington Counties have a general Resource Council but receive service coordination from KDHE.

Some LICCs coordinate services for very large geographic areas and some for only a portion of one county. Boundaries for each "community" were chosen by its residents and service providers. In some cases, the boundaries parallel county lines, the area served by a special education cooperative or hospital, or an Indian reservation.

Target Population: Councils vary considerably in whom they serve (see Table 1). Twenty of the 40 LICCs are focused on the birth through 2 age group and their families--17 on children with disabilities only, while three others coordinate services for children at-risk, as well. Eleven councils focus on the birth through 5 age group and their families--two on disabilities only, three on disabilities and at-risk conditions, and six on all children in the age range and their families. Meanwhile, six councils focus on all children birth through 21 years and their families, and one LICC serves all persons with disabilities and their families. Two LICCs have a broader target population; one serves all families and another coordinates all human services in its county. All of the councils with very broad scope are in rural counties. There is a tendency for councils serving birth to 5 or an even greater age range to be in counties with several years of formalized interagency collaboration. It is apparent that the target population for services shapes the mission and activities of each council. The LICCs differ considerably in how they spend their time and in what they produce, as confirmed by the interview data.

Table 1
TARGET POPULATIONS OF LICCS

Children with disabilities B-2 and their families	17
Children at-risk or with disabilities B-2 and their families	3
Children with disabilities B-5 and their families	2
Children at-risk or with disabilities B-5 and their families	3
All children B-5 years and their families	6
All children B-21 years and their families	6
All persons with disabilities and their families	1
All families	1
All persons needing human services	1
Total number of LICCs	40

Relationships with Other Councils: The interagency group that coordinates birth through 2 issues may be related to other interagency efforts in a variety of ways:

* The LICC may be a subgroup of a larger body
* Another interagency group may be a subgroup of the LICC

- The LICC may have an appointed representative on another council, or vice versa
- The LICC may share members with another body in an informal arrangement that leads to transfer of information
- The LICC and another body may actually be identical (e.g., in one community the Corporation for Change Local Planning Council, the SRS HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, and the Infant-Toddler Services LICC are actually the same group of people meeting one time per month for all purposes).

The cross-State picture of local interagency collaboration that emerges is incredibly complex and, according to our respondents, changing from month to month.

"Before, we had many councils with mostly the same people, but now we have one group. Participation has increased, and the number of meetings has decreased. The new structure has made the group more effective."

During spring 1994, the Infant-Toddler Services LICC was an independent council in 22 communities. It was a subgroup of another interagency committee in 9 of 40 communities and the umbrella group for other workgroups in 4 communities. The birth through 2 council had an appointed representative on another interagency council in 34 of the 40 communities. Six LICCs fulfill dual or triple interagency coordinating roles when the membership meets. These tend to be in rural areas. All of the LICCs polled share some members with other interagency groups. The most likely links are with Special Education Transition Councils, Local Planning Councils (Corporation for Change), and HB 3113 Regional Planning Councils. However, nearby B - 2 LICCs, Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Councils, Child and Adolescent Service System Programs, and groups defined locally also received frequent mention.

History: Thirty of the Kansas LICCs have begun since 1990, with 21 forming in 1992 or 1993 (see Figure 2). A few councils are 10-15 years old. These councils are more likely to be the LICCs with a broader mission, although this statement is not true in every case.

Many communities noted informal relationships that predated formal council organization. These relationships have reportedly been useful. However, in instances where the formal council is young, LICCs report major emphasis on the tasks of forming (e.g., determining the membership and establishing operating procedures).

The youth of many councils is obvious in their responses to questions about pressing issues and challenges. The majority of LICCs are fostering interagency cooperation on rather "safe" issues that build community ownership (e.g., Parent University, needs assessment) and only beginning to define instances for true collaboration in their local areas.

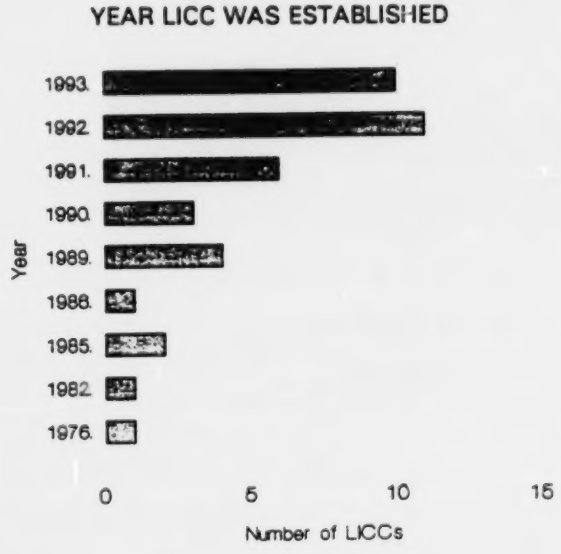


Figure 2

Membership and Attendance: LICCs vary in size from 9-78 members, with a median membership of 27. Typical attendance is significantly less, varying from 4 persons to 32, with median attendance of 14.

Agencies represented on at least half of the LICCs include education, health department, SRS, mental health, and hospital. Parents as Teachers is represented on 31 of the 40 councils, early childhood education on 18, and higher education on 14. Community businesses are represented on 5 of the 40 LICCs.

"If a group becomes too big, it can lose focus."

The data imply a diversity across councils in levels of authority of attendees. Statewide, direct service providers tend to participate more frequently than mid-level administrators, and mid-level agency administrators are reportedly more likely to attend than agency heads. However, this trend may depend upon the size and population of the area served by the LICC: in larger communities, administrators are more likely to attend than personnel who relate directly to families. Twenty-nine of the councils state that a family service coordinator attends regularly; 23 report frequent participation for at least one teacher, and 20 report regular attendance for a therapist.

It is significant for potential collaborative efforts that for the majority of LICCs (33 of 40), members attending the meeting have the authority to commit resources to carry out the council's decisions.

Family Participation: Kansas LICCs "have a way to go" in developing family participation in interagency efforts and consumer input into decision-making. Across the State, parent membership ranges from 0 to 9, with an average of three family members per council. Nevertheless, 25 councils have no parents, or only one, present at 60% of their meetings (see Figure 3).

PERCENTEGE OF REGULAR ATTENDEES WHO ARE PARENTS

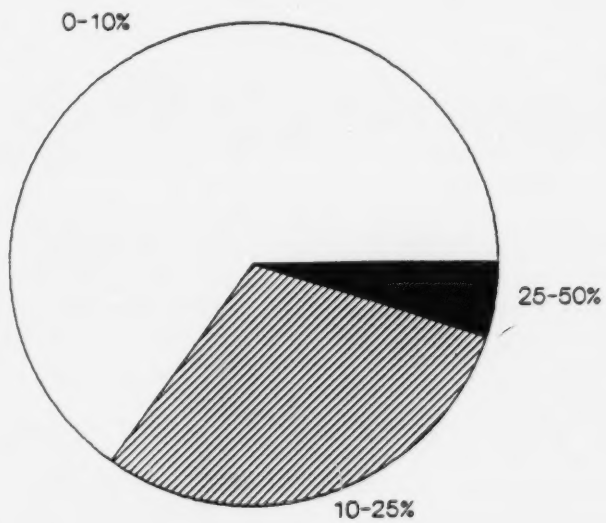


Figure 3

Several strategies are being tried to encourage family participation (see Figure 4). These include providing child care and transportation. Based on interview data, only 18 of the 40 LICCs have arranged their meeting schedule to encourage employed family members to attend; they have been more likely to consider agency representatives' schedules (31 councils) and direct service providers' schedules (24 councils) in choosing meeting times.

ORGANIZATION

Subcommittees: Most LICC business is transacted by the whole council. Nine councils have executive committees that may meet more frequently than the entire LICC. Every community council reported using committees, either on a short-term basis or as a part of the permanent organizational structure. Nineteen different assignments were reported for committee action, most commonly, child

SUPPORT TO FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE IN LICC

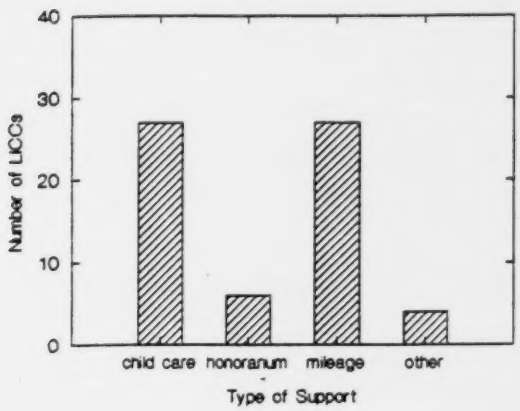


Figure 4

find/screening (17 councils), family issues (11 councils), and service coordination and public awareness (10 councils each).

Paid Staff: Twenty four LICCs report no paid staff. Of the other 16 councils, it is not apparent how many of the staff reported are providing direct services to families (i.e., early intervention personnel) and how many are employed primarily to provide staff support to the LICC.

"It is difficult to know how to use all the people that volunteered--how to coordinate needs with offers to help and relate them to agencies and taskforces. This certainly takes a coordinator, possibly even fulltime."

Funding: Kansas LICCs receive support from a variety of sources (see Figure 5). Thirty-five communities report receiving funds from Infant-Toddler Services through KDHE; these monies may be in the form of LICC minigrants, annual community awards tied to population, or special awards for particular purposes. In more than half of the communities (26 councils), participating agencies donate funds or services to accomplish LICC activities. Other sources of support include Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities (training materials), State and Federal school funds for direct services, and additional costs absorbed by the local lead agency. Respondents listed the following sources of grant funds other than KDHE: Compuplay, Child Care and Development Block Grants, SRS block grants, and homelessness monies.

Governance: Thirty-four of 40 LICCs have a mission statement. These typically are concise statements of a global objective. Examples include

> "Recognizing the child as a member of a family, the LICC will support families, assuring that their child

with special needs will receive timely and comprehensive services."

"To improve service delivery by creating a set of policies and practices that assure access to services, increase the availability of those services, and enhance the quality of services."

"To further the optimal delivery of comprehensive services to children through coordination, collaboration, and cooperation."

"To provide coordinated prevention, education, and services to support families."

"There are so many different missions represented. It has been necessary to blend these into a multi-agency mission so that everyone felt they were getting something from it."

Thirty-one LICCs have no bylaws to govern their operations; 28 have written interagency agreements or contracts to define, at least to some degree, their working relationships.

Chairs or co-chairs have been designated in 33 of the 40 councils. Most commonly (18 councils) the chair is an agency administrator. Twelve councils have parents as chairs or co- chairs. Most councils rotate their chairs yearly (14), 5 change every 2 years, 1 changes every meeting, and 2 LICCs are chaired by paid staff; 20 councils have not yet decided how long their chairs will serve. Glimpses at LICC operating styles are found in the methods by which chairs are selected. Group consensus is the most common method (15 councils), followed by volunteering (9 councils). More systematized selection procedures in-

FUNDING SOURCES FOR LICC ACTIVITIES

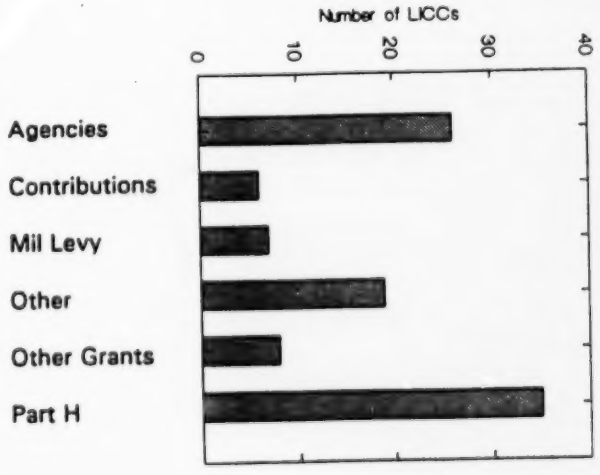


Figure 5

"It has taken a good year to develop as a group and to be able to give direction and support to our task-forces. The process takes time."

clude election (9 councils) and rotation of responsibility (2 councils).

Meeting Schedules: Fewer than half of the councils meet monthly (16). Six meet bi-monthly, and 15 meet quarterly. Meeting times typically are routine: 37 councils have a regular meeting day, while 36 have a regular meeting time.

Evaluation of LICCs Efforts: Among the older councils, several have conducted formal evaluations to determine satisfaction with quality and quantity of services as well as to locate gaps in services. Most LICCs, however, are relying upon informal feedback or evaluation of a single activity, such as Parent University. Ten councils have not yet considered evaluation.

PRODUCTIVITY

Results of this survey indicate that Kansas LICCs are quite active. Participants frequently express pride in their accomplishments. Figure 6 indicates respondents' estimates of their council's productivity.

Agendas: According to respondents, LICC agendas have been full. Table 2 shows the number of LICCs out of 40 that have included various topics on their agendas during the past year.

Becoming acquainted with one an-

HOW PRODUCTIVE IS YOUR LICC?

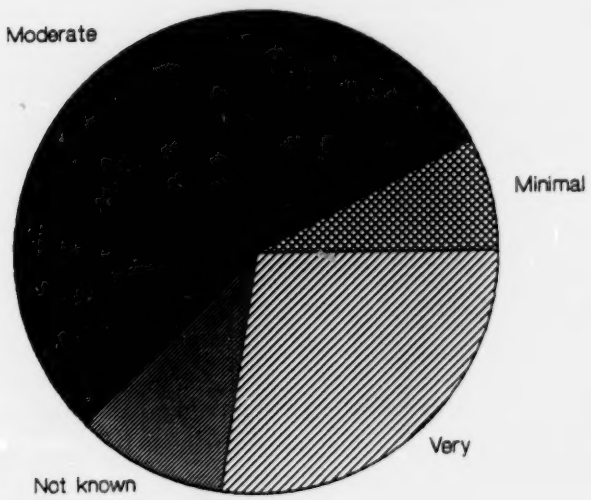


Figure 6

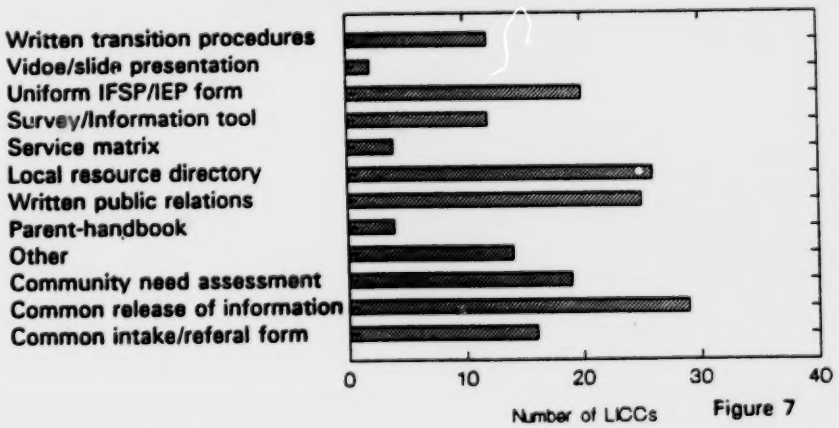
other and information exchange have been the most popular activities, as might be expected especially for newer LICCs. Identification of community needs has been important in establishing council priorities. Similarly, joint public awareness and screening activities have been essential to recruit families for a developing service system. Referral/transition issues are inherently interagency in nature as children and their families move between programs.

Table 2
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS DURING THE PAST YEAR

Topic	# of LICCs Discussing
Information exchange	37
Informal networking	36
Identification of community needs	32
Joint public awareness activities	32
Screening and identification	30
Interagency referral/transition procedures	28
Interagency service coordination	28
Eliminating service gaps or duplication	22
Development of grant proposals	22
Joint sponsorship of events	21
Improve evaluations; reduce duplication	20
Advocacy for children and families	18
Development of new services	18
Coordination of parent support	17
Standardized forms to avoid duplication	16
Joint staff development	14
Problem-solving for difficult cases	13
Evaluation of interagency activities	13
Joint annual budgets	13
Development of interagency tracking system	12
Modification of agency policy/procedures	10
Joint funding of personnel/programs	10
Other	5

Products: Products developed by LICCs are summarized in Figure 7. Several, such as a resource directory and a common release of information form, are items likely to make a significant difference for families as well as for service providers in the community. The last section of this report, which profiles individual LICCs, describes the accomplishments of each local council. Most respondents express willingness to share

PRODUCTS OF KANSAS LICCs



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HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH YOUR COUNCIL'S PROGRESS?

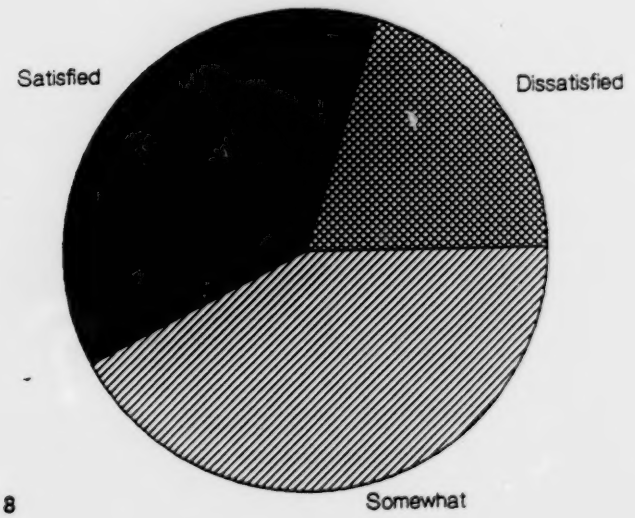

Figure 8

their products with other LICCs, either directly or via the Bridging Early Services Transition Project office.

Satisfaction with Progress: Respondents frequently commented on their high aims for their LICC. They also regularly noted the challenges of developing and sustaining interest, agreeing upon operating procedures, and accomplishing tasks given limited money and time. In spite of these common obstacles, most respondents, as seen in Figure 8, are at least somewhat satisfied with the recent progress of their council, and many are highly satisfied. Forming and nurturing the group has been a victory for some of the newer councils, while more established ones have myriad accomplishments to their credit (see Individual LICC Profiles).

"There is a continuing lack of knowledge and understanding--even among professionals--as to Part H and its purpose, and that is a challenge."

"We have concern about 'taking over' in situations where services and relationships are already established."

Continuing barriers to achievement revolve around two issues:

- the need to orient all LICC members to the purpose, underlying laws, and interagency nature of council activities so they can move forward together, and
- the process of change from the way(s) services were accomplished previously to how they are to be delivered now

Other common issues are shortage of money and time to accomplish goals, difficulties in communicating, differences in philosophies and missions among agencies, and turfism. One comment foreshadowed an issue which may

lie ahead for some councils as they move beyond the initial stages of "forming" and "norming": "we are afraid to address the issue of cost effectiveness or duplication of services because it might offend."

"How do you build a new system without destroying the old system?"

TRAINING NEEDS

Because interagency collaboration tends to be difficult and because few service providers or parents have been formally trained to do it, many LICCs would like to receive training to help them progress faster. There appear to be strong preferences about the location and topics for training.

"We could use training in collaboration."

Location: Respondents clearly want training delivered close to home. 65% prefer local workshops to regional training or statewide conferences. 50% would like to receive technical assistance locally, that is, on-site action planning for council development. One third wish to see a mentor program whereby more experienced LICCs assist their neighboring councils. Mentoring appears to be possible, since most contact persons said they would be happy to share the results of their work to date. An LICC newsletter is desired by half of the respondents, and the establishment of a resource library with LICC-related publications is favored by one-fourth. Teleconferences are controversial: some groups prefer them, while others noted their dislike for this medium.

Time for Training: As shown in Figure 9, there was no consensus concerning the best time for training. State leaders, professional organizations, and grant projects interested in planning training and technical assistance to LICCs must provide a menu of options if they wish to meet local needs.

BEST TIME FOR TRAINING

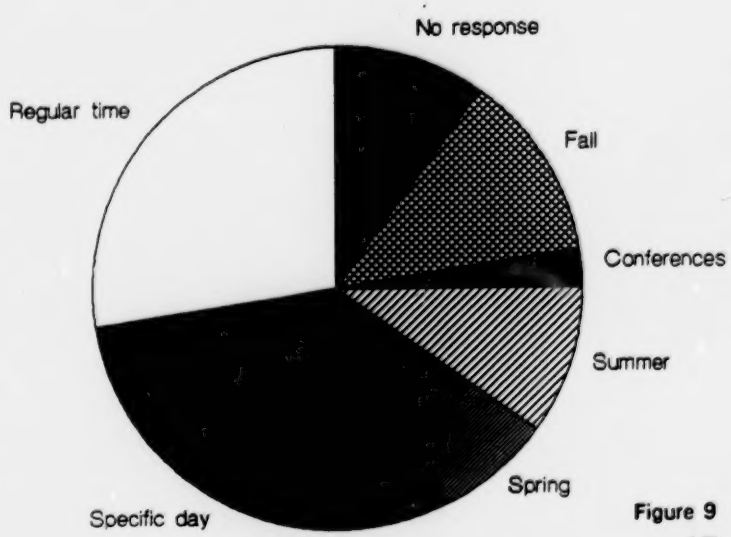

Figure 9

"The kinks are not yet worked out for smooth operation."

Training for Council Leaders: Two topics were favored by more than half of the respondents: how to bring important players to the table and strategic planning. Approximately one-fourth of the LICCs would like leadership training on the following topics: methods to disseminate information, group process, and conducting a meeting. Little interest was expressed in training in conflict resolution. Perhaps this is due to the relative youth of most councils and the fact that most projects undertaken in the early stages of council formation have had broad consensus from their local councils. Several older LICCs, however, commented about "turfism" and the desire for something better: "We need training in collaboration; we have a long history of cooperation."

Training for LICC Members: Half of LICCs wish to receive training in basics of local council operation: local mission, relevant laws, and services and programs provided by a variety of agencies. Approximately one-fourth of LICCs say they would appreciate training in group process and problem-solving skills. Other topics requested include effective transition practices, conflict resolution, and strategic planning. Several respondents expressed the wish that state agencies would train their local personnel about Part H of P.L. 102-119 and Kansas Infant-Toddler Services. The purpose of such training would be to see how the agency's mission meshes with birth through 2 services for children with special needs and their families. A common request of respondents was for access to outside facilitators who can help LICCs work through their needs assessment and strategic planning.

"It is important to learn more about how we can collaborate and share resources and provide services—but time is a barrier."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Comments about future priorities reflect the councils' twin concerns of relationship building and task accomplishment. Many are aware of the need to build their new and fragile coalition and to formalize its operations with bylaws and formal links to other councils. Other communities have defined specific, one-time, highly visible projects with which all agencies can identify (e.g., Parent Universities, media campaign, needs assessment, transition guidelines, and hiring an interpreter to serve all agencies). A few

councils have worked on such tasks for several years and are now wondering how to move from cooperation to collaboration and how to resolve sticky issues such as responsibilities of lead and fiscal agencies, cost-effectiveness of services, the expansion of requests for services without accompanying expansion of funds, and the recruitment of needed personnel to rural areas. A number of councils expressed concerns about monitoring by KDHE related to Part H and how that will affect their LICC's operations, while others welcomed the new monitoring approach as a guide to support their LICC development.

"We need to learn to think globally--to move from Part H to B-21 in mission."

INDIVIDUAL LICC PROFILES

The community profiles later in this book were compiled from interview data and forwarded to community contact persons for editing. They are intended to stimulate new directions in collaboration for local councils, to encourage sharing and mentoring among LICCs, and to illustrate the diversity and local creativity which currently characterize Kansas LICCs.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Profile confirms two important findings:

* a great deal has been accomplished in a short time in Kansas communities due to interagency efforts
* many more local activities are currently underway

"More and more of our members are thinking wrap around and year around services."

These facts are cause for celebration! They also suggest the need for ongoing nurturance of infant councils once participants' initial goals have been met.

The leaders who outlined the Kansas Infant Toddler Services system insisted that communities must have a right to define themselves and to develop locally appropriate services for infants and toddlers with special needs and their families. This report is evidence that the anticipated local efforts are building. We see in Kansas at this time a surprising diversity in approaches to interagency collaboration at the local level. Several respondents raised questions about the future, with some favoring increasing systematization just as an equal number specifically rejected it.

As LICCs affiliated with Infant-Toddler Services and those affiliated with other state initiatives mature, the authors of this report hope that they will grow toward one another--sharing information, service strategies, and scarce resources to an even greater degree than is seen at present. There is evidence of this trend in the data presented here, especially for rural areas.

We hope that the interview process helped at least some LICCs to be more reflective about themselves and their functioning. We hope that this Profile will serve as a first step in helping LICCs locate mentors in other communities who have dealt with similar organizational and content issues. Finally, we hope it will aid and encourage the sharing of products and processes which have been shown to be effective. The Profile will need to be updated periodically, given the fluid nature of Kansas interagency collaboration at this time. Following are some additional recommendations which reflect opinions of the Profile's authors but not necessarily those of KDHE:

"I saw a bumper sticker that said: 'Think globally; act locally.' That's what we're trying to do."

FOR COMMUNITIES

1) Continue to encourage family members to participate in LICCs and provide incentives for them to do so. Scheduling meetings at a time of day when families can attend would likely help LICCs to boost family involvement. Intentionally looking at every issue from a family perspective will enrich the council's contributions and help family participants feel that their time is well spent. Individual or small group activities may also help family members feel comfortable participating. Involvement with subcommittee projects and the development of products useful to parents may help family members sense that their efforts are beneficial for other families.

2) Consider whether additional members should be recruited for the LICC. We are concerned about the small reported participation by community early childhood professionals, business persons, church and recreation leaders, and hospitals. Representatives from these organizations should be part of a community's early intervention network. Careful orientation to both the LICC and Kansas Infant

Toddler Services, followed by involvement in a particular meaningful project, may help significant community leaders to develop long-term commitment to LICC efforts.

3) Link with other interagency efforts whenever possible to reduce redundancy in meeting time, diminish competitiveness among agencies or councils, and strengthen community commitment to children and families.

"Comments from family members continually remind us why we're here."

4) Orient every new member to the LICC's mission statement and operating procedures in order to develop a cohesive council that truly shares a joint purpose. Defined responsibilities and procedures for orientation wil help this important task to occur. Ensure that every LICC member receives It's News and other relevant newsletters and is encouraged to read them.

5) Actively seek ways to help multiple agencies, families, and the business community "own" projects.

6) Keep good records of what you do, and eventually write down, evaluate, and refine the informal operating procedures that are guiding your council. Determine how to streamline the handling of routine matters in order to leave time to address newer, more important issues.

7) Conduct strategic planning based upon the needs of the community. Request recommendations from KDHE for an outside facilitator if that would be useful.

"We need to look at services in terms of natural environments for children. Parents as Teachers helps us do that."

8) Invite state early childhood personnel from KDHE, KSBE, SRS, and/or the Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services to attend a meeting of your council. They will learn from you just as the LICC can learn from them.

9) Send representatives to meetings of the state Advisory Committee to the Coordinating Council. These quarterly events provide an excellent opportunity to network with other LICCs.

10) Create a climate where disagreement can be expressed honestly and openly -- but without personal

animosity. View conflict as an opportunity to develop greater understanding of various perspectives in the community and to initiate creative new ways to attack familiar problems.

"We had some rough times for awhile, but now we're stronger for having talked it all out."

9) Maintain the focus on children and families, even as increasing time is spent on policies and procedures.

10) Systematically evaluate what you do. Report that information to the community, to state agencies, and to other LICCs. Use evaluative data to improve community services.

11) Nurture relationships, and celebrate successes!

FOR STATE AGENCIES AND THE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

1) Develop a Make a Difference newsletter which periodically shares information about effective interagency strategies.

2) Include such suggestions in It's News, the Corporation for Change newsletter, KITS' newsletter, and professional organizations' mailings, making certain that every member of local councils has access to significant newsletters.

"I see the potential of our group and think it's wonderful! All the members see the LICC as a positive thing."

3) Develop a technical assistance and peer mentoring system for LICCs that honors participants' time and travel constraints.

4) Continue to encourage LICCs which are focused on birth through 2 to link with other interagency councils, as locally appropriate.

5) Publicize the LICC system which is developing, and strengthen its links to the State Coordinating Council.

6) Provide leadership training for LICC officers who wish to receive it; perhaps audio or videotapes can be used to minimize travel and increase availability.

7) Arrange for an ongoing repository for LICC products that can be shared across councils. In the short term, this function will be filled by the Bridging Early Services Transition Project at ACCK, McPherson.

8) Send state agency representatives, when invited, to LICC meetings to applaud local accomplishments, aid in problem solving, clarify misconceptions, and visibly represent state commitment to local interagency efforts.

"I have great hope for our LICC. We can do so much more for families when we plan together."

9) Urge LICCs to share their needs and accomplishments on a regular basis with one another through the Advisory Council, with state leaders, and with the Coordinating Council.

10) Continue to articulate support by the secretaries of state agencies (KDHE, Education, and SRS) for participation by their local counterparts in LICC planning. It seems timely to repeat the jointly signed letter urging such participation that was sent in 1991 by the three department secretaries who sit on the Coordinating Council.

10) Nurture relationships, and celebrate successes!

ALLEN, NEOSHO, WOODSON, AND WILSON COUNTIES

THIS COUNCIL IS REORGANIZING INTO FOUR SEPARATE COUNTY COUNCILS. CONTACT PATTY HASTY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW COUNCILS.

ANW Interagency Coordinating Council
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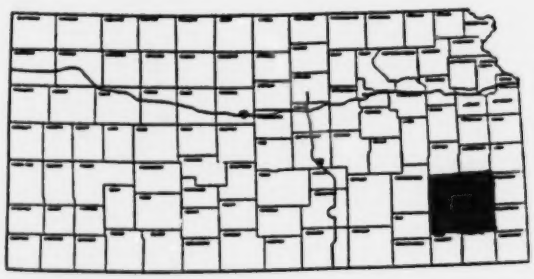

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC and HB 3113 Regional Planning Council are the same entity
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1990
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H mini grant; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: 3rd Tuesday, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To seek agencies dedicated to providing services to children and their families
CURRENT GOALS	To provide two Parent Universities involving four LICCs
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Three Parent Universities with 2 more planned for spring, involving four LICCs
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory and common release of information form are available from LICC or BEST project

BARTON COUNTY

Barton Early Awakenings Interagency
Coordinating Council
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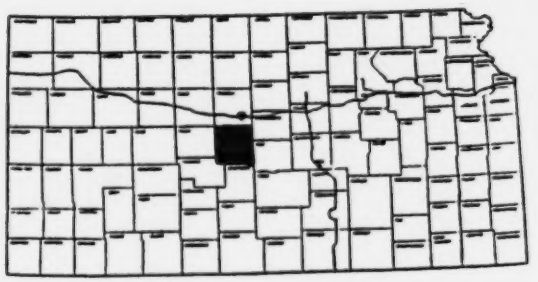

TARGET POPULATION	Children at-risk or with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with LICCs in nearby areas, Local Planning Council. Appointed representative on the LICC from HB 3113 Regional Planning Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: Tuesday, lunch
PURPOSE	To identify children with special needs; make services available; make parents aware
CURRENT GOALS	None
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Monthly community screenings; bibs for Healthy Start visitors; gifts for newborns
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, brochure, and screening summary sheet for joint screening for parents and agencies are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

BOURBON COUNTY

Bourbon County Interagency Coalition
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Fort Scott, KS 66701
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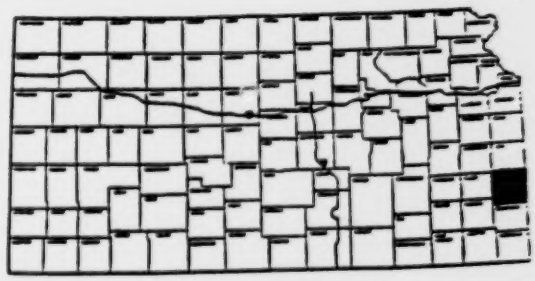

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	The LICC and the County Coalition are the same entity
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 1st Wednesday, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To offer a coordinated effort of various organizations/agencies for the delivery of multi-leveled specialized services to children and families in Bourbon County
CURRENT GOALS	To continue greater cooperation; continued practice of assisting children and their families
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Multidisciplinary Team; formation of a Board of Directors; and seeking incorporation
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common intake or referral form, common release of information form, and written procedures for referral and/or transition are available from LICC or BEST project

BUTLER COUNTY

Butler County Interagency
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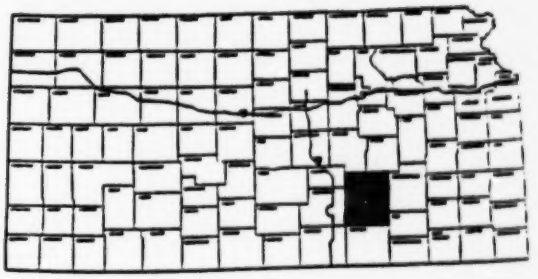

TARGET POPULATION	Children at-risk or with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	None
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly
PURPOSE	To maintain a multi-disciplinary team and insure that a comprehensive system of integrated services is available in Butler County for its children from 0-5 who are at-risk of developmental delays and their families
CURRENT GOALS	To train and educate personnel to assist in successful transitions to Part B services
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Directed services to families in the county not previously served
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common intake or referral form, common release of information form, and uniform IFSP/IEP forms are available from LICC or contact BEST Project

CITY OF ATCHINSON

"The Dream Team" Interagency
Coordinating Council
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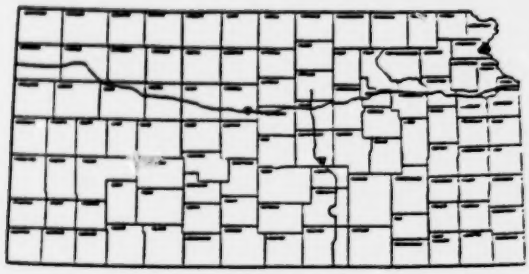

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Appointed representative on local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992-1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Local contributions; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 1st Monday, 12:00 noon
PURPOSE	To coordinate services for children and families
CURRENT GOALS	To focus on community involvement in three issues (fight domestic violence, child abuse, and crime); develop funding from drug free school grants and other sources; develop a coordinated approach without duplicating efforts
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Promotion of community awareness activities; coordination of services
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory available from LICC contact or BEST Project

CHAUTAUQUA AND ELK COUNTIES

Chautauqua and Elk County
Interagency Coordinating Council
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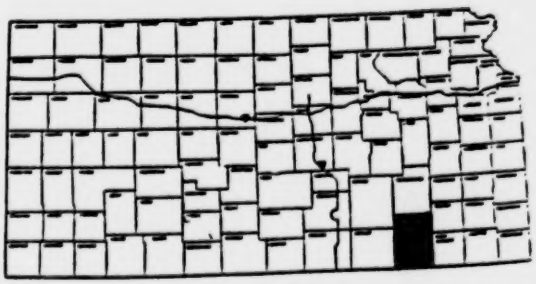

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC shares members with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, Child Protection Team of Chautauqua County
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1991
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly
PURPOSE	To facilitate the education of children birth through 21
CURRENT GOALS	To accomplish interagency cooperation and collaboration
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	The Wrap Around grant; implementation of Part H; a common release form and formal Interagency Agreements
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local matrix directory, common release of information, uniform IFSP/IEP form, written procedures for referral and/or transition, and parent guide are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

CHEROKEE COUNTY

Cherokee County Early
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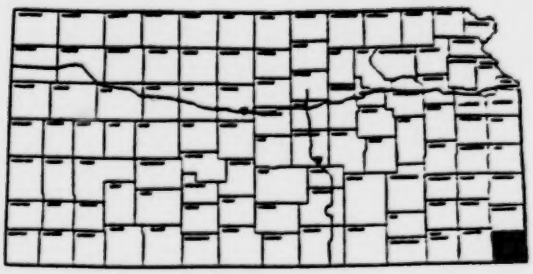

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC is a subgroup of County Coalition
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; Part H mini grants; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: 4th Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To seek agencies dedicated to providing services to children and their families
CURRENT GOALS	To provide two Parent Universities for spring, involving four LICCs; hold resource fairs; provide parenting classes
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Three Parent Universities, with 2 more planned, involving four LICCs; Resource Fairs at WIC sites
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common release of information form, and brochure are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

CLOUD, LINCOLN, MITCHELL, JEWELL, REPUBLIC COUNTIES

North Kansas Disabilities Council
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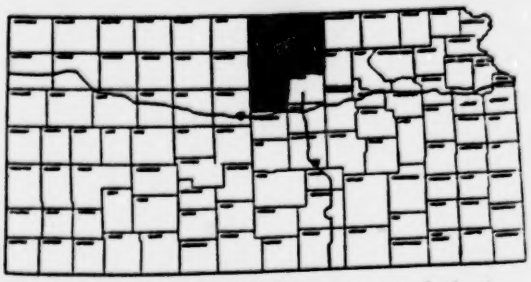

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-5 years and their families; presently focusing on 0-3
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC has an appointed representative on HB 3113 Regional Planning Council. LICC shares members with local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council and Community Resource Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; county mill levy; SRS; private insurance
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.
PURPOSE	To provide services to infants and toddlers 0-5 with disabilities
CURRENT GOALS	To expand services to Lincoln, Jewell, and Mitchell counties; to prepare grant proposals for parents of infants, including those with developmental delays
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Providing services
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Common release of information, uniform IFSP/IEP form, expense forms for providers, order forms for products are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

COFFEY COUNTY

Coffey County Interagency
Coordinating Council
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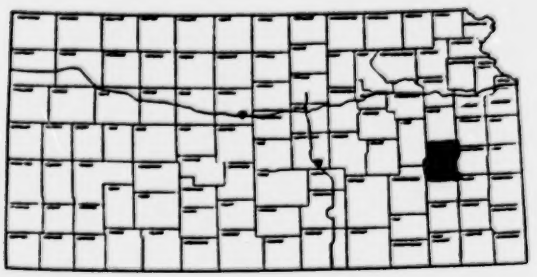

TARGET POPULATION	All persons with disabilities and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC is a subgroup of Local Planning Council, HB 3113 Regional Planning Council. The following are subgroups of the LICC: Special Education Transition Council, Local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H Funds; local contributions; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 3rd Wednesday, 12:00 noon
PURPOSE	To strengthen the ties between agencies, increase awareness of direct service providers, and develop a working model of interagency collaboration
CURRENT GOALS	To activate the Child Protection Team and recruit law enforcement participation
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Incorporating HB 3113; collaborating/cooperation in implementing and developing it with From Day One; Multi-disciplinary Child Protection Team; Targeting birth-21 for disabilities; emphasizing birth-death for our scope
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Common release of information form, uniform IFSP or IEP forms, and goal statement available from LICC or BEST Project

COWLEY COUNTY

REACH Interagency Coordinating Council
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Winfield, KS 67156
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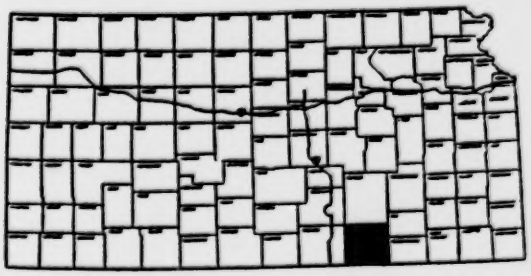

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families; at-risk.
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with other interagency groups, including Parents as Teachers, Southwestern College Social Work Advisory Board, CHIC
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1982
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; county mill levy; local contributions; United Way; agencies share costs; Chapter I; categorical aid from Kansas State Board of Education
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: Thursday, noon
PURPOSE	To provide an advisory board to REACH, approve its goals and projects, serve as good advocates for the REACH program
CURRENT GOALS	To maintain funding, an on-going challenge
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Getting mill levy passed for funding, 1990 (LICC will share information about strategies)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory (part of a community one), common intake or referral form, common release of information form, brochure, poster, other written public relations items, video/slide presentation, written procedures for referral and/or transition, surveys and other information tools are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Crawford County Interagency
Coordinating Council
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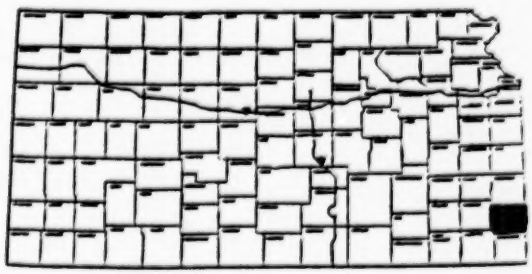

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	County coalition
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1990
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H mini grants; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: 2nd Wednesday, noon
PURPOSE	Dedicated to improving services for children and families
CURRENT GOALS	To assist in planning second Parent University in fall
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Monthly ICC Child Find Clinics; One Parent University; donation for Families Together Enrichment Weekend
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common release of information form, and brochure are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Lawrence/Douglas County
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Lawrence, KS 66044
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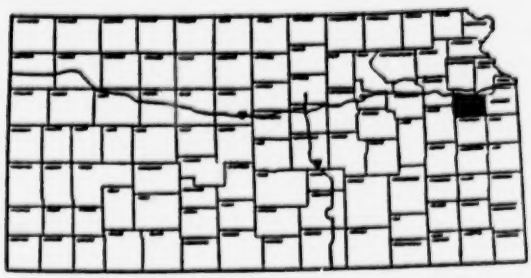

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES	Shares membership with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, Local Planning Council, CASSP Council, LICCs in nearby areas, Local Committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; Chapter I funds
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 3rd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
PURPOSE	To develop a comprehensive service delivery and support system for all children and families in the Douglas County area, with special emphasis on young children who have special needs and their families; to promote coordination of service through development of a network of service providers, parents, and others in the community
CURRENT GOALS	To smooth transitions from Part H to Part B; promote inclusion; get IFSPs in place; refine evaluation and screening procedures; identify a new fiscal agent
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Service providers know each other; putting IFSPs in place
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common intake or referral form, common release of information, uniform IFSP forms, brochure, written procedures for referral and/or transition, and surveys are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

EDWARDS COUNTY

TASK Interagency Coordinating Council
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(316) 659-3102
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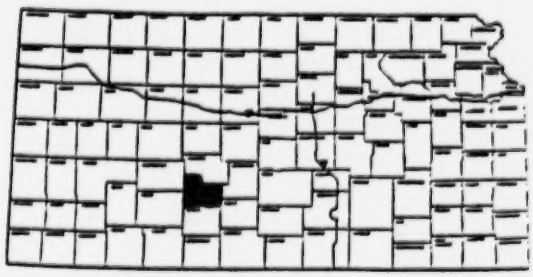

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	None
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1991
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; local contributions; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: 2nd Monday of the quarter, 3:30 p.m.
PURPOSE	To network and eliminate duplication of services
CURRENT GOALS	To continue with present projects and address new issues as they appear
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Parent book for new parents to be given at hospital; a children's health fair every year; a latch key kids program; networking to do the above (LICC will share information on these topics)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common intake or referral form, common release of information form (in progress), uniform IFSP or IEP forms, brochure, poster, other written public relations items, written procedures for referral and/or transition, parent handbook, and information tools are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

ELLIS COUNTY AND PART OF RUSH COUNTY

Hays Interagency Coordinating Council
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Hays, KS 67601
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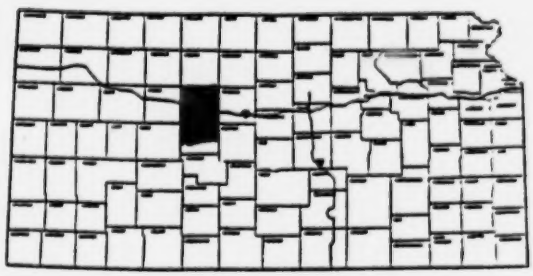

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Share respresentative with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, LICCs in nearby areas
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1976 "Standards" were adopted; previous history from 1966 informally (college & ARC)
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; county mill levy; local contributions; grants
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly; 3rd Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To further optimal delivery of comprehensive services to children through coordination, collaboration and cooperation
CURRENT GOALS	To participate in "Pilot Monitoring" through Topeka, Part H and write new grant proposals when Requests for Proposals come out
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Written "Standards"; brochures for the community; monthly screenings (LICC will share information)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Brochure, written public relations items, and written procedures for referral and/or transition are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

FORD COUNTY

Ford County Interagency
Coordinating Council
Contact: Jane Cooper
We Care Child Care Center
210 Soule Street
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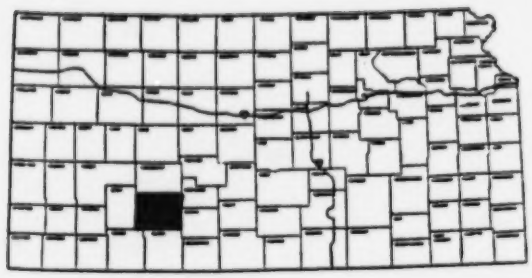

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC is a subgroup of Local Planning Council (Corporation for Change)
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1991 - LICC. In 1979 had an interagency council working on screenings.
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H mini-grants; local contributions; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Bi-monthly: 2nd Wednesday, Noon
PURPOSE	To provide screening clinics; implement Kansas Blueprint to meet community needs; eliminate duplication of services
CURRENT GOALS	To obtain funds for coordinator who will become the one central contact person for Ford County; to implement Kansas Blueprint
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Networking; resource directory; screening clinic; implementing the Kansas Blueprint. A strong legislative committee on the Council has been effective on keeping up to date on children's issues (LICC will share information)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, uniform IFSP/IEP forms, and written procedures for referral and/or transition are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Ottawa-Wellsville Early
Childhood Coordinating Council
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Ottawa, KS 66067
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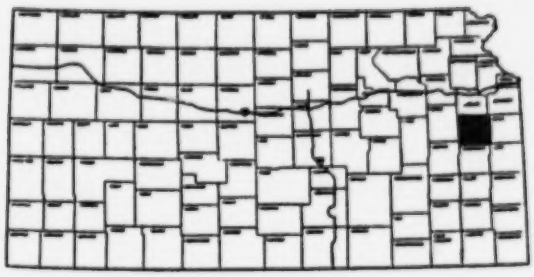
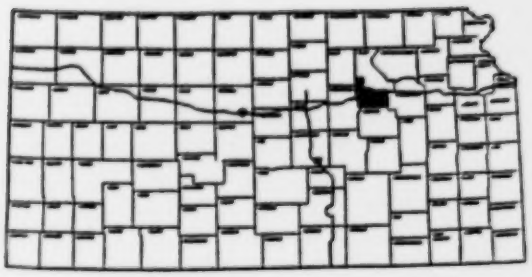


TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COPUNCILS	NONE
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs; KSBE categorical reimbursement
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To improve coordination so that families are not shuffled but served through a central point with appropriate assistance
CURRENT GOALS	To collect information gathered and develop a common intake form, conduct a needs assessment, and learn what each agency has to offer
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Pulling together; focusing on services; able to get the grant money to employ a family services coordinator
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Common intake or referral form, common release of information form, uniform IFSP or IEP forms, and brochure

GEARY COUNTY

Geary County Interagency
Coordinating Council
Contact: Maggie Davidson
Pawnee Mental Health Services
814 Carolyn Avenue
Junction City, KS 66441
(913) 764-5250



TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: Thursday, 12:00 Noon
PURPOSE	To assist young children with special developmental needs age B-2 to progress to maximum abilities through identification and early intervention
CURRENT GOALS	To increase parent awareness; identify direct service providers; improve transportation; and resolve Champus issues
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Writing the grant; hiring a service coordinator; identifying the fiscal and lead agent; implementing a program; and providing services
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, service matrix, common intake or referral form, common release of information, uniform IFSP forms, brochure, written procedures for referral and/or transition, data collecting form for reports, and evaluation form for providers are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

HARVEY COUNTY

Harvey County Early Intervention
Interagency Council
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Newton, KS 67114
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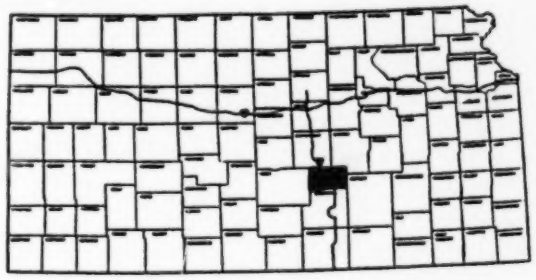

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council; Special Education Transition Council; Parents' University Coordinating Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993; school and developmental disabilities center provided services since 1980
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; local contributions; district assessments through the Harvey County Special Education Cooperative; categorical aid from the Kansas State Board of Education
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: Friday, 11:00 a.m.
PURPOSE	To form interagency council with parent participation, increase publicity of services, increase number of service providers, co-sponsor an open house at hospital with Parents as Teachers, provide summer programming, and develop a resource guide for parents of children birth-3
CURRENT GOALS	To increase our family service coordination staff; expand our summer programming
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Getting the council formed; writing the grant (LICC will share information on these topics)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory (Child Find Resource Book), common release of information, uniform IFSP form, brochure, written public relations items, parent handbook, and parent satisfaction survey are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALL OF ATCHINSON COUNTY, (EXCEPT CITY OF ATCHINSON), AND A CORNER OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

Early Childhood Coordinating Council
of Atchinson & Jefferson Counties
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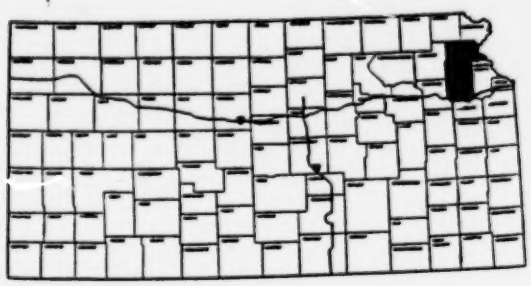

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC and Local Planning Council are the same entity; LICC shares membership with HB3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, LICCs in nearby areas, local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council, Jefferson County Health Coalition
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1990
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H mini-grants; agencies share costs; KCCTO training
MEETING SCHEDULE	Bi-monthly: 1st Thursday of every other month, sometimes mornings, sometimes afternoons
PURPOSE	To coordinate existing services for children 0-5 and their families; to identify gaps in existing services; and to develop services to fill those gaps
CURRENT GOALS	To sponsor Week of the Young Child; host a child and family community fair; KCCTO training; arrange charitable dental care. Now pursuing 501-C3 in order to receive charitable donations; also developing by-laws
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Providing child care training; resource guide; Identifying and bringing into the council resources that we weren't using (LICC will share information)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common intake or referral form, common release of information form, uniform IFSP or IEP forms, brochure, surveys, and other information tools are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

JOHNSON COUNTY

Infant Toddler Services of Johnson County Interagency Coordinating Council
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Denise Godinez, Council Chair
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10201 Horton
Shawnee Mission, KS 66207
(913) 967-7676
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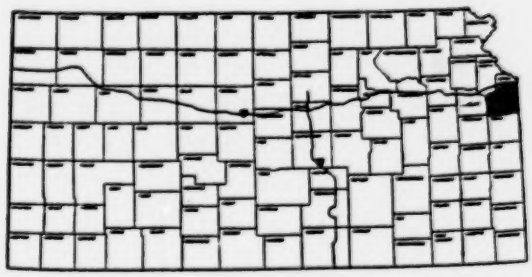

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Share a representative with Local Planning Council, HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, LICCs in nearby areas
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993 formal council and board from grass roots effort begun in 1991
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Board and Executive Board alternate meetings each month: 1st Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., full council meets two times a year
PURPOSE	"Through a working partnership between families and the community infant toddler services, fosters and coordinates the delivery of timely, comprehensive, quality services for children age birth through 36 months, who have developmental delays or disabilities"
CURRENT GOALS	To establish contracts with all service providers; identify new provider resources; seek out new sources of funding
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Formalized Council and by-laws; increased public awareness; established a data base (LICC will share information)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common intake or referral form, common release of information form, uniform IFSP or IEP forms, brochure, written public relations items, and information tools are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

KIOWA AND COMANCHE COUNTIES

KiCom Interagency Coordinating Council
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Greensburg, KS 67054
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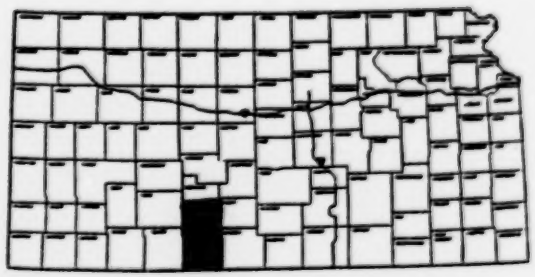

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	None
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H Mini-Grants; local contributions; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: no regular day, noon
PURPOSE	To eliminate duplication of services
CURRENT GOALS	To improve screening clinics, (increase attendance, exposure, awareness); develop written transition Part H/Part B plan
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Getting organized; networking; one screening clinic (LICC will share information)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Uniform IFSP or IEP forms, and written procedures for referral and/or transition are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

LABETTE COUNTY

Labette County Interagency
Coordinating Council
Contact: David Lindeman
2601 Gabriel
Parsons, KS 67357
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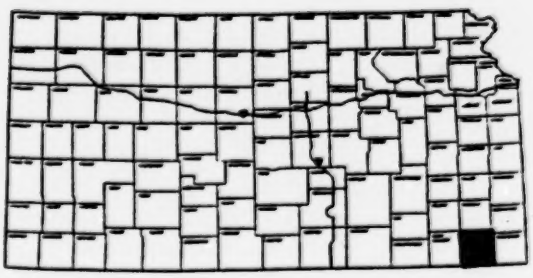

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	County Coalition
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1991
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H mini grants; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: 2nd Thursday, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
PURPOSE	Agencies dedicated to improving services to children and their families
CURRENT GOALS	To provide Parent Universities; distribute Family Resource Directory
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Parent University; joint agency screening activities; Child Find Clinics; family donation for Families together Enrichment Weekend
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory; common release of information form

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY

Leavenworth Interagency Networking Council (Linc-Up)
Contact: Beth Feiring
St. John Hospital
3500 S. 4th Street Trafficway
Leavenworth, KS 66048
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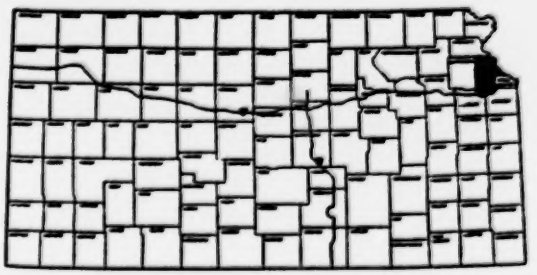

TARGET POPULATION	Children at-risk or with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares members with Leavenworth Association of NAEYC. Has an appointed representative on the LICC Special Education Transition Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1989
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs; St. John's Hospital
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 3rd Monday; 9:00 a.m.
PURPOSE	To provide therapy services for children with disabilites and resources for their families; to alleviate barriers in the community that affect children and families receiving services
CURRENT GOALS	To increase identification of children; to implement the forms that have been developed; to provide training to child care providers; to improve transitions from Part H to Part B
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Bringing providers together; developing forms; establishing referral procedures; fostering a greater understanding of the law
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Common intake or referral form, common release of information form, uniform IFSP forms, brochure, written procedures for referral and/or transitions, information tools, and consent for third party billing are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

LYON COUNTY AND PARTS OF CHASE, GREENWOOD, MORRIS, OSAGE, AND WABAUNSEE

Flint Hills Area Umbrella Council
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Flint Hills Special Education Cooperative
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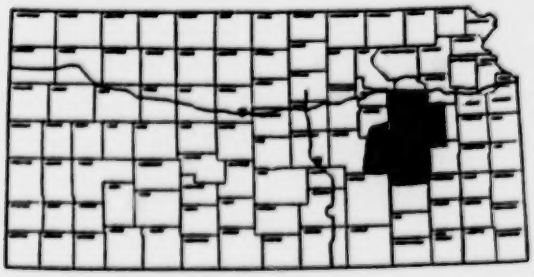

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares members with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, Parent Connection Council. LICC and Local Planning Council are same entity
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: Last Friday, 10:00 a.m. - noon
PURPOSE	To provide a way for agencies to work together to do awareness and education; to meet needs of children and families in the community; to provide a full range of services
CURRENT GOALS	To get "umbrella group" started
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Common release form
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common release of information form, brochure, parent guide, confidentiality statement, information sheet for parent use, and mission statement are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

MARION COUNTY

Marion County Interagency
Coordinating Council
Contact: Debbi Darrow
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Intervention Services
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Marion, KS 66861
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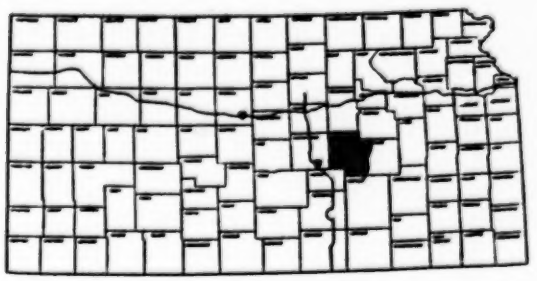

TARGET POPULATION	All people, birth to death
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Appointed representative of Local Planning Council, HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, CASSP Council, Local Committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council. Shares members with other LICCs in neighboring counties
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1986
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H minigrant; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Bi-monthly: 2nd Friday of odd-numbered months, 12:00 noon
PURPOSE	To provide coordinated prevention, education, and services to support families
CURRENT GOALS	To increase parent participation
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Improved service coordination; putting Part H program into place; monthly rotating screening throughout county for ages 0-5
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Uniform IFSP or IEP forms, brochure, and surveys or other informational tools are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

MARSHALL, NEMAHA, BROWN, DONIPHAN & JACKSON COUNTIES

Local Interagency Coordinating Council
Contact: Suelette Bell
508 Delaware
Hiawatha, KS 66434
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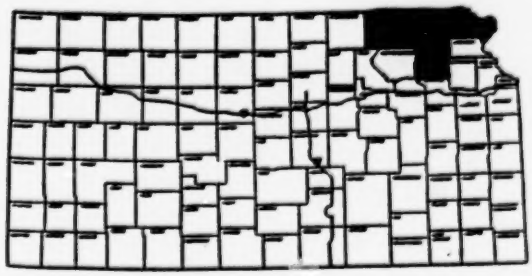

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Appointed representative of HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: 2nd Monday, 3:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To collaborate on the provision of services for children and their families; determine what services are needed and lacking; increase efficiency; advocate for young children and their families
CURRENT GOALS	To find other funding sources; receive IFSP training; provide an IFSP coordinator in every county; redo the IFSP
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Incorporated executive boards; increased number of children and areas served
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common release of information form, uniform IFSP forms, brochure, and directory of LICC members are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

McPHERSON COUNTY

McPherson County Council
Council on Children & Families
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MCKIDS
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McPherson, Ks 67460
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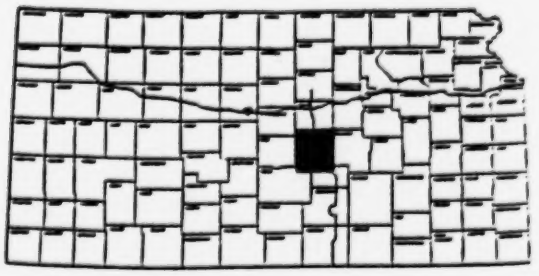

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC is the same as Local Planning Council and HB 3113 Regional Planning Council. Subgroups of the LICC include local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Center, and MCKIDS Advisory Committee. LICC has an appointed representative on a Special Education Transition Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly; 2nd Monday, 12:00 noon
PURPOSE	To take a leadership role in the development and coordination of comprehensive systems to provide services to children and families
CURRENT GOALS	To improve support for parents; start single-parent support group; develop a community-based program for juvenile offenders; encourage social networks for parents of children with special needs
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Initiated Head Start and Parents as Teachers; wrote a grant for youth at risk; strategic planning
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory (in process), interagency agreement, common intake or referral form, brochure, written procedures for transition are available from LICC contact or BEST project

MIAMI, LINN, ANDERSON, AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES

East Central Kansas Interagency
Coordinating Council
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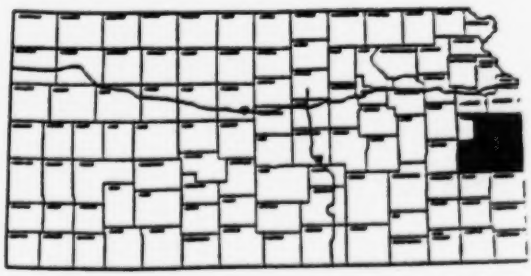

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Appointed representative of HB 3113 Regional Planning Council and Special Education Transition Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
PURPOSE	To serve families and children
CURRENT GOALS	To get organized and establish a network of agencies which provide services
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Getting agencies who provide services and parents together; serving children and families
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Common intake or referral form, common release of information form, uniform IFSP form, brochure, flyer for "Count Your Kid In" (yearly screening for 0-5) are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Montgomery County Interagency
Coordinating Council
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Parsons, KS 67357
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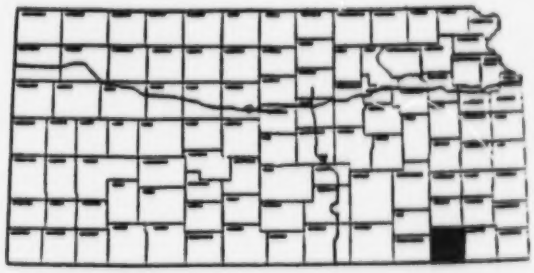

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	None
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H mini grants
MEETING SCHEDULE	Subcommittee meets only for special projects; no regular day or time
PURPOSE	Agencies dedicated to improving services for children and families
CURRENT GOALS	To provide monthly Child Find clinic
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Monthly Montgomery County Child Find Clinics; donation to Families Together Enrichment Weekend
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Common release of information form

NORTHWEST KANSAS COUNTIES
(CHEYENNE, RAWLINS, SHERMAN, THOMAS, SHERIDAN, WALLACE, LOGAN, GOVE, GRAHAM, TREGO, PART OF LANE, AND PART OF DECATUR COUNTIES)

Early Childhood Coordinating Council
Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center
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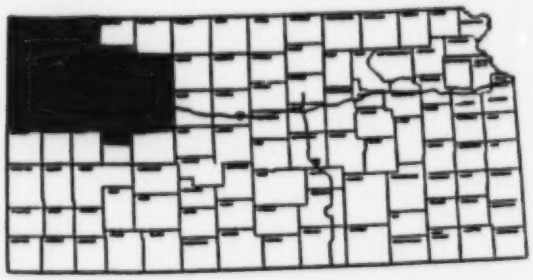

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with BRITE Start Advisory Council, HB 3113 Regional Planning Councils, local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1989 from previous group formed in 1979 (began as the Preschool Planning Team)
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Bi-monthly: Tuesday (usually 3rd or 4th), 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To share information with one another; to provide assistance in which to communicate and collaborate resources for children Birth-5, their families and agencies to reach the maximum potential through a cooperative local effort.
CURRENT GOALS	To share information; to develop an interagency release of information form
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Informal networking
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local area resource directory is available from LICC contact or BEST Project

OSAGE AND PART OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

Osage County Blueprint Council
Contact: Valerie McNay/ Sue Thompson
Three Lakes Education Cooperative
1318 Topeka Ave.
Lyndon, KS 66451
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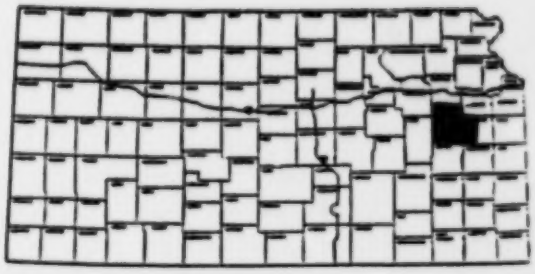
FAX (913) 828-3671



TARGET POPULATION	Serves all families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	None
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL	Part H funds
MEETING SCHEDULE	Bi-monthly: 4th Thursday, noon
PURPOSE	To streamline services, coordinate among ourselves, and disseminate information
CURRENT GOALS	To produce a newsletter; develop and maintain relationships
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Mission statement
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Mission statement available from BEST Project

OTHER COUNTIES

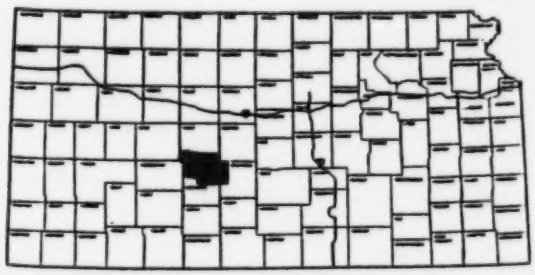
There are no known LICCs in Clark, Meade, Hodgeman, and Ness Counties. They receive Infant/Toddler services from Arrowhead West (see Ford County)

Sunflower Diversified Services (see Barton County) provides Infant-Toddler services to Rice and Stafford Counties. At present any local interagency efforts in those counties do not include a birth-through-two emphasis.

There are no known LICCs in Clay and Washington Counties. Both are served by a Resource Council but have birth-through-2 services coordinated by KDHE.

PAWNEE COUNTY

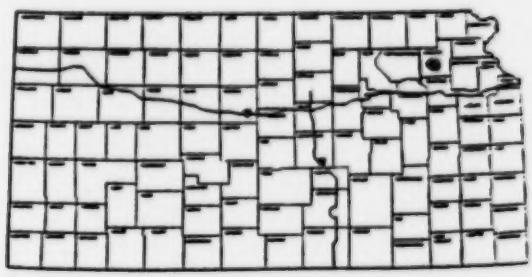
Cradles and Crayons Interagency
Coordinating Council
Contact: Jane Meschberger
Sunflower Diversified Services, Inc
Sunflower Early Education Center
1312 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS 67530
(316) 792-4087
FAX (316) 792-4709



TARGET POPULATION	Children at-risk or with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with LICCs in nearby areas
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: Fridays, evening or lunch
PURPOSE	To identify children with special needs, make services available, and inform parents
CURRENT GOALS	To improve community screening
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Community screenings
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Common release of information form is available from LICC contact or BEST Project

POTAWATOMI RESERVATION

Prairie Band of Potawatomi
Interagency Coordinating Council
Contact: Jackie Mitchell
15392 K Road
Mayetta, KS 66509
(913) 966-2527
FAX (913) 966-2144



TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-5 years and their families from the Potawatomi Reservation
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares members with LICC in nearby areas and Child Protection Team
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; Child care and Development Block Grant; Prairie Band of Potawatomi
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: Last Monday; 1:00 pm
PURPOSE	To have all children from the Potawatomi Reservation enter the school system ready and willing to learn and succeed
CURRENT GOALS	To complete video on early childhood services
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Sponsored a successful parent workshop; established and licensed a child care center; established a good working relationship with Head Start in same building; two members of LICC attended a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome conference in South Dakota
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, uniform IFSP or IEP forms, brochure

POTTAWATOMIE AND WABAUNSEE COUNTIES

Pottawatomie/Wabaunsee Infant/Toddler
Interagency Coordinating Council
Contact: Beverly Stauffer
Pottawatomie County Health Department
320 Main Street, P.O. Box H
Westmoreland, KS 66549
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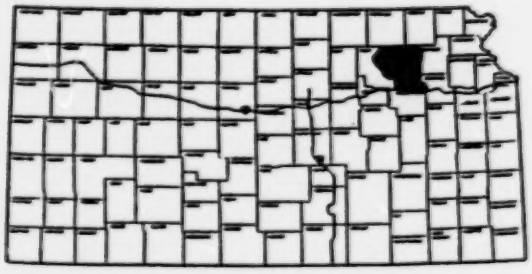
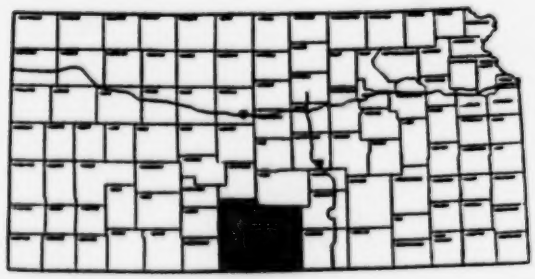


TARGET POPULATION	Children at-risk or with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	None at present
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1993
FUNDING OF COUNCIL	Part H funds; agencies share costs; schools
MEETING SCHEDULE	Bi-monthly: Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To provide early intervention services to infants and toddlers
CURRENT GOALS	To locate and identify those children ages birth through 2 who qualify for the services provided by our council; identify and locate all appropriate agencies who have resources which meet the needs of children birth through 2; develop a comprehensive service delivery and support system for all children and families in our catchment area with special emphasis on young children who have special needs and their families; and to promote coordination of services to them through development of a network of service providers, parents, and others in the community.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Identifying children and providing services
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	None

PRATT, HARPER, BARBER, AND KINGMAN COUNTIES

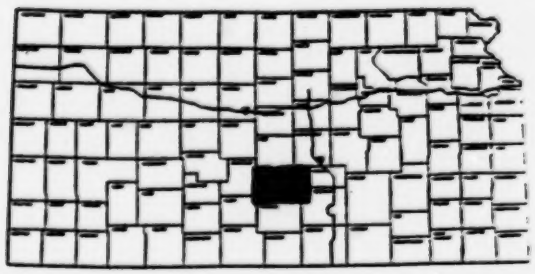
Interagency Coordinating Council
Contact: Peggy Stucky
South Central Special Education Cooperative
Box 177
Iuka, KS 67066
(316)-546-2227



TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with Local Planning Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1991
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; local contributions; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 1st Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
PURPOSE	To provide screening clinics; to eliminate duplication of services
CURRENT GOALS	To expand membership and increase participation by more groups and agencies, including businesses and parents, and begin to focus on other children's issues
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Resource directory; networking among agencies; increased number of screening clinics; assisting in implementing Kansas Blueprint (LICC will share information on these topics)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory in progress; common intake or referral form, and uniform IFSP/IEP forms, and written procedures for referral and/or transition are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

RENO COUNTY

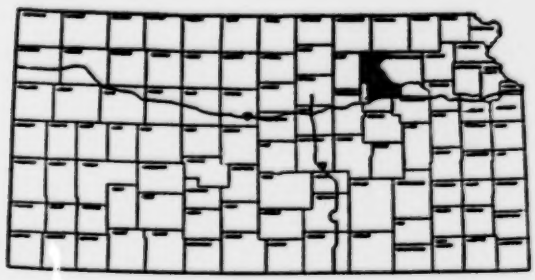
Reno County Planning Council
for Children and Families
Contact: Lee (Paco) Price
Early Education Center of TECH
303 East Bigger
P.O. Box 399
Hutchinson, KS 67504-0399
(316) 663-2671
FAX (316) 663-0399



TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC shares members with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council and Head Start Policy Council. LICC is a subgroup of Local Planning Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1991
FUNDING OF COUNCIL	Part H funds; agencies share costs; members contribute money; grant (Homeless Taskforce)
MEETING SCHEDULE	Twice a Month: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.
PURPOSE	To increase the number of healthy families in Reno County by facilitating the collaboration of services; nurture a community committed to meeting the changing needs of families
CURRENT GOALS	To put an information referral network on computer
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Submitted a Head Start grant; sponsored a Parenting Fair and Roundtable discussions; productive collaboration with other groups
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Mission Statement, Surveys, and life cycle of a task force are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

RILEY COUNTY

Flint Hills Interagency
Coordinating Council
Contact: Candy Mitchell
or Laura Clark
P.O. Box 471
Manhattan, KS 66502
(913) 776-6363; (913) 587-2000



TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with LICCs in nearby areas. Appointed representative on the LICC from HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, Special Education Advisory Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1989
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; Kansas State Board of Education categorical aid; Medicaid monies; Chapter 1 funds, Kansas State Board of Education transportation monies; Federal funds
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: Last Tuesday of Month, noon or 7 p.m.
PURPOSE	To serve children ages 0-3 with disabilities and their families
CURRENT GOALS	To improve transition into services; ease transition at age 3; improve services for children with autism; maintain level of services
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Providing full year round services at no cost
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common intake or referral form, common release of information, uniform IFSP forms, brochure, written procedures for referral and/or transition, surveys, radio spots, and TV video are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

ROOKS, SMITH, NORTON, PHILLIPS, OSBORNE, RUSSELL, AND DECATUR COUNTIES

North Country Connection
Interagency Coordinating Council
Contact: Vicki Runge
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1327 Main, Suite 2
Stockton, KS 67669
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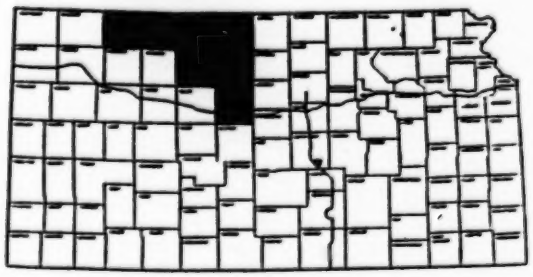

TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	LICC has an appointed representative on Special Education Transition Council and LICC in nearby areas. LICC shares members with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council and local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Preventation Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1991
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: 3rd Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
PURPOSE	To network among key people in the community
CURRENT GOALS	To produce a resource directory; to increase awareness of on-going screening
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Establishing the membership list and getting the people to commit to attending
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common intake or referral form, common release of information form, uniform IFSP or IEP forms, and brochure are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

SALINE, OTTAWA, ELLSWORTH, AND DICKINSON COUNTIES

Salina Area Interagency
Coordinating Council
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Infant Stimulation-Child Development
139 N. Penn
Salina, KS 67401
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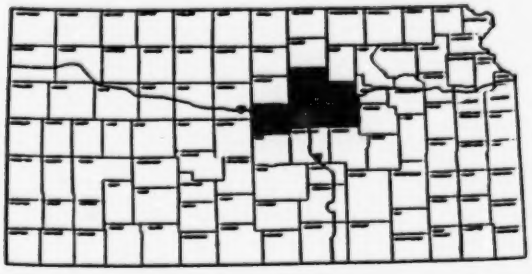

TARGET POPULATION	Children 0-5 years at-risk or with disabilities and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1985 from previous group formed in 1979
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 3rd Tuesday, 4:15 p.m.
PURPOSE	To provide services to children and families from birth through age 5, improve screening, evaluation, intervention, and parental support
CURRENT GOALS	To establish a parent support group; revise transition plan for age 3
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Format for transition; public relations video; community education through noon lecture program connected with clinics (LICC will share information on these topics)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, common release of information, brochure, video, parent guide, screen form, and referral for evaluation are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Sedgwick County Early Childhood
Interagency Coordinating Council
Contact: Lorraine Bockorny
Rainbows United, Inc.
2615 Wellesley
Wichita, Ks 67220-2496
(316) 684-7060
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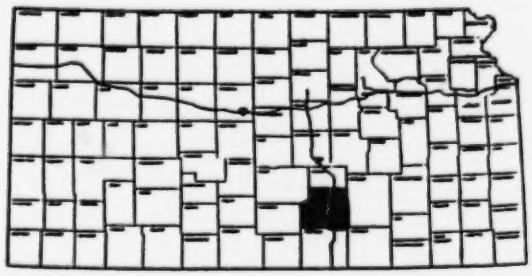

TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares members with: Local Planning Council (HB 3113 Regional Planning council), local Mental Health Prevention Council, Project Freedom, Drug Affected Baby Task Force, Child Watch, Special Education Transition Council, County Alliance of Rehabilitation Efforts, LEA Special Education Advisory Council.
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1985, initially formed in 1979
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs, county mill levy
MEETING SCHEDULE	Steering Committee - Monthly: 3rd Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Full Council meets Quarterly: 3rd Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
PURPOSE	To insure that a comprehensive system of integrated services is available for 0-5 in the Sedgwick County area to all children with, or at risk for, developmental disabilities and their families
CURRENT GOALS	To accomplish strategic planning for public awareness, screening, family focus, funding and central point of entry
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Developed a "Bill of Rights" for children; developed the interagency screening clinic; Connecting Point project for single point of contact
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Brochure, survey or other information tools, guidelines for operation of the Steering Committee and Council, job description for coordinator, forms for monthly screenings, inservice training packet on Part H and LICC, and agreement between Rainbows United and LICC are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

SEWARD COUNTY

Parents and Children Together, Inc.
(PACT, Inc.)
Interagency Coordinating Council
Contact: Jan Nondorf
624 Grant
Liberal, KS 67901
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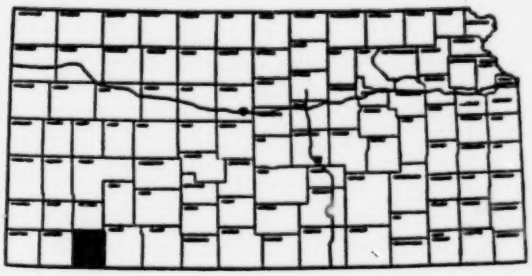
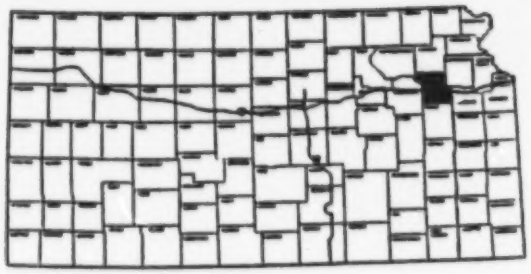


TARGET POPULATION	Children at-risk or with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares members with HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, and local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1992
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; county mill levy; local contributions; school district; Chapter I
MEETING SCHEDULE	Bi-monthly: 2nd Thursday, noon
PURPOSE	To provide services to families and children 0-3 eligible for services
CURRENT GOALS	To remain financially stable and continue to find additional sources of income; to provide packets for mothers of newborns
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Increase in referral sources; improved public awareness
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Common intake or referral form, common release of information form, uniform IFSP forms, brochure (also in Spanish), and a packet of information for new mothers are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

SHAWNEE COUNTY

Topeka-Shawnee County Local
Interagency Coordinating Council
Contact: Bonnie Gonzales
1615 West 8th Street
Topeka, KS 66606
(913) 233-8961



TARGET POPULATION	Children with disabilities 0-3 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares membership with Special Education Transition Council, LICCs in nearby areas, Local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council. Appointed representative on the LICC from Local Planning Council, HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, Preschool Interagency Task Force
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1991 from previous informal group formed in 1986
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs; donated services
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 4th Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To support families, assuring that their child with special needs will receive timely and comprehensive services
CURRENT GOALS	To readdress transition issues; parent brochure and handbook
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Developed a Topeka Tots Team to bridge gaps in service
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory, service matrix, common release of information, common intake or referral form, uniform IFSP or IEP forms, brochure, and written procedures for referral and/or transition products are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

SOUTHWEST KANSAS COUNTIES
(FINNEY. KEARNY, HAMILTON, STANTON, GRANT, HASKELL, MORTON, STEVENS, GREELEY, WICHITA, SCOTT, AND PART OF LANE AND GRAY COUNTIES

Southwest Regional Health and
Social Services Council
Contact: Nancie Linville
714 Ballinger
Garden City, KS 67846
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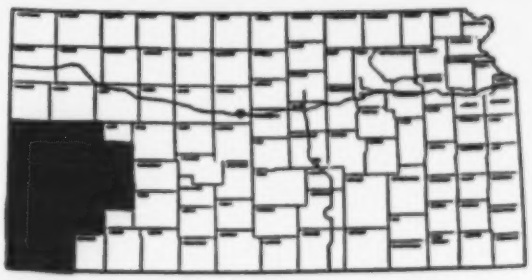
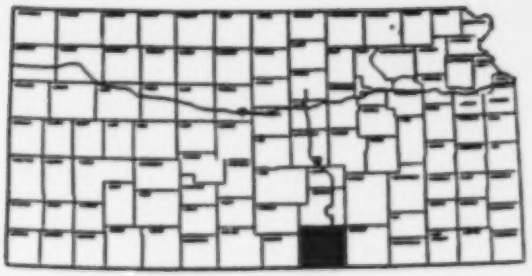


TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-21 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS Regional	LICC is subgroup of Local Planning Council, Community Service Council, Shares membership with HB 3113 Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, LICCs in nearby areas, local committee of Regional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1989, pre-existing group since 1970's
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; agencies share costs
MEETING SCHEDULE	Monthly: 1st Tuesday, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
PURPOSE	To work together to increase services for children birth - 21 and their families
CURRENT GOALS	To complete the community needs assessment; discuss how to work as an ICC with a larger project; reflect diversity of community in participation on Council
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Accomplished community needs assessment; brought focus of Corporation for Change to our community; began the Community Vision Now program (LICC will share information)
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Common release of information form, video, information notebook for ICC members (activities, minutes, goals, mission statement) are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

SUMNER COUNTY

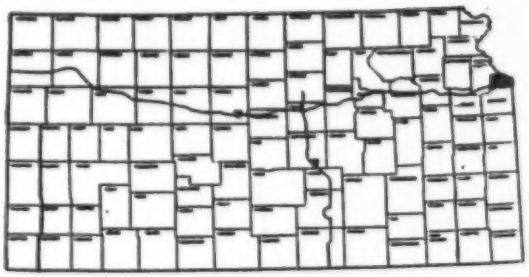
Sumner County Interagency
Coordinating Council
Contact: Doug Greer
Futures Unlimited, Inc.
2410 North A
PO Box 130
Wellington, KS 67152
(316) 326-8906
FAX (316) 3236-7796



TARGET POPULATION	All children 0-5 years and their families
AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS	Shares members with Local Planning Council, Special Education Transition Council, CASA
YEAR ESTABLISHED	1991, from previous group formed in 1989
FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Part H funds; Futures Unlimited
MEETING SCHEDULE	Quarterly: Fridays, noon
PURPOSE	To serve as applicant for Part H funding, sharing information, and find ways to work together as agencies
CURRENT GOALS	To work on county wide screening; form a core group of members
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Resource manual; accessing of KDHE funds; election of a community person as vice-chair
WRITTEN PRODUCTS	Local resource directory available from LICC contact or BEST Project

WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Wyandotte County Local
Interagency Coordinating Council
Infant\Toddler Service System
Contact: Ginger Gearheart
1333 South 27th Street, Suite 300
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 722-1115 or 551-3700
FAX (913) 551-3706



TARGET POPULATION

Children at-risk or with disabilities 0-3 years and their families

AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNCILS

Shares membership with LICCs in nearby areas, Child Abuse Prevention Council, and Special Education Transition Council. LICC is a subgroup of Local Planning Council. LICC has an appointed representative on HB 3113 Regional Planning Council, and Local Committee of Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council

YEAR ESTABLISHED

1993

FUNDING OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Part H funds; agencies share costs; SRS Block Grant; County mill levy; Kansas State Board of Education categorical aid

MEETING SCHEDULE

Quarterly: Wednesdays, afternoon

PURPOSE

To build a community-wide network of comprehensive service delivery by a creation of a set of policies and practices: 1. that assure easy access to services, 2. that increase availability of services, and 3. that enhance quality of services

CURRENT GOALS

To improve interagency communication and develop a positive "climate" for working together in our local system; To improve parent and public relations for Wyandotte County; To provide ongoing staff development to parents and professionals in training that fits their needs; and To form interagency partnerships to knit a seamless web of services in order to provide high quality comprehensive service delivery

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Team-building retreat; signing of interagency agreements; created toy lending library; developed transition planning NICU to community; developed small play groups; and developed 3 year action plan

WRITTEN PRODUCTS

Local resource directory, service matrix, common referral form, common release of information, uniform IFSP forms, brochure, written procedures for referral and/or transition, surveys, presentation package, display board, physicians packet, special referral form for NICU to home are available from LICC contact or BEST Project

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APPENDIX

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Proposed New Regulation 4/18/94

28-4-565. Community responsibilities. (a) Each community shall have a local interagency coordinating council (ICC) that has as one of its purposes the coordination of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

(1) The local interagency coordinating council shall consist of members who reflect the community, including at a minimum:

(A) Two parents of children with disabilities;

(B) a representative of a health or medical agency;

(C) a representative of an educational agency; and

(D) a representative of a social service agency.

(2) The names of local interagency coordinating council members shall be submitted to and acknowledged by the state lead agency.

(3) The chair of the council shall be elected by the local interagency coordinating council; the name of the chair shall be communicated to the state lead agency.

(4) The responsibilities of the local interagency coordinating council include, but are not limited to:

(A) to identify local service providers who can provide early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families,

(B) to advise and assist local service providers, and

(C) to communicate, combine, cooperate, and collaborate with other local councils on issues of concern.

(b) Each community, in collaboration with its local ICC, shall develop a plan describing the system for coordinating early intervention services. The plan shall include:

(1) identification of a local lead agency, which shall be acknowledged by the secretary of the state lead agency; and

(2) identification of a local fiscal agency, which shall be acknowledged by the secretary of the state lead agency. The local lead agency and local fiscal agency may be the same agency, if the local lead agency is a legal entity.

(3) a description of the child find plan, including assurance that child find activities are available at least monthly, and a description of the child find plan;

(4) a description of identified community needs and resources;

(5) a description of written interagency agreements or memoranda of understanding, and how those agreements are used in the development of IFSPs for eligible children and families;

(6) a public awareness program that informs community members about child find activities, the central point of contact for the community, and the availability of early intervention services;

(7) an assurance that the following information is available in the community:

(A) The following services shall be at no cost to eligible infants and toddlers and their families:

(i) Child find activities;

(ii) evaluation and assessments;

(iii) family service coordination;

(iv) administrative and coordinative activities related to the development, review and evaluation of the individualized family service plan (IFSP), and implementation of procedural safeguards and other components of the statewide system of early intervention services; and

(v) early intervention services, as described in K.A.R. 28-4-562, included in the infant or toddler's IFSP or otherwise determined to be necessary as the result of a formal evaluation process.

(B) Parents shall not be required to pay deductibles, coinsurance, or amount of charges exceeding payment rates related to private health insurance or other third party payment sources for charges for early intervention services as listed previously in (A) (i) through (v).

(C) Parents shall be informed, in writing, that they are not required to approve filing of claims with their private insurance policy or policies, or to access Medicaid or other payment sources. Written consent from the parents shall be obtained prior to filing claims.

(D) Parents without health insurance or who do not choose to permit filing claims with their health insurance shall not be required to make payment for charges for early intervention services listed previously in (A) (i) through (v).

(E) Parents shall be assured that their resources to pay for necessary early intervention services shall not result in the denial of services or determine the extent of necessary early intervention services available to the child or the child's family.

(c) Each community desiring federal and state Part H funds shall submit an annual grant application to the state lead agency. This grant application shall:

(1) include the plan for coordination of early intervention services, as described in K.A.R. 28-4-565(b); and

(2) be in compliance in accordance with the grant application materials provided by the state lead agency. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 75-5649; effective P-_____.)